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US SATELLITES IN MEXICO ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE BY CORRESPONDENT ARMANDO
VARGAS WHICH APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF EXCELSIOR JAN 15
BANNER HEADLINE: OJEDA AGREED WITH SB VANCE ON "THE USE OF
SATELLITES TO DETECT POPPIES".

"THEY WILL DESTROY IT(POPPY) WITH HERBICIDES".

DEA REPORT TO SENATOR CHARLES PERCY.

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US HAS GIVEN MEXICO TWO AIRPLANES AND THIRTY-EIGHT

HELICOPTERS.

THEY ARE INCREASING SPECIAL AGENTS HERE FROM 22 TO 30.

THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO USE ITS SATELLITES ABOVE MEXICO TO DETECT POPPY FIELDS IN THE SIERRA MADRE AND TO DESTROY THEM WITH HERBICIDES ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS NEGOTIATED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HENRY KISSINGER WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA.

THE MEXICAN OFFICIAL AGREED WITH SHELDON B. VANCE, KISSINGER'S PRINCIPAL ADVISOR ON NARCOTICS AFFAIRS, ON "THE EXPERIMENTAL USE OF SATELLITES TO DETECT FIELDS OF POPPIES THROUGHOUT MEXICO.

"THE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE WORKED OUT RAPIDLY IN THE UNITED STATES", SAYS A DEA REPORT TO SENATOR CHARLES PERCY OBTAINED TODAY BY EXCELSIOR. THE UNITED STATES IN ONE YEAR HAS GIVEN TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT MORE THAN TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS(ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS) TO STRENGTHEN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HEROIN PRODUCTION.

TWO AIRPLANES AND THIRTY-EIGHT HELICOPTERS EQUIPPED WITH HIGH QUALITY INFRARED CAMERAS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY WASHINGTON TO MEXICO TO LOCATE AND DESTROY POPPY FIELDS IN TEN STATES OF THE REPUBLIC.

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OJEDA PAULLADA AND VANCE WAS REACHED NOV 8, 1975 IN MEXICO WHEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MET WITH KISSINGER'S SPECIAL ENVOY, AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA, AND THE THEN INTERIM DIRECTOR OF DEA, HENRY DOGIN.

FIVE DAYS LATER OJEDA PAULLADA ANNOUNCED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY THE FIELDS OF POPPIES FROM WHICH IN 1976 COULD BE PRODUCED TEN TONS OF HEROIN FOR THE US BLACK MARKET WHICH SERVES FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DRUG ADDICTS. KISSINGER HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE DRUG PROBLEM COSTS THE UNITED STATES TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS A YEAR.

BETTER RESULTS EXPECTED:

KISSINGER, IN A LETTER SENT TO PERCY WHICH WAS ALSO OBTAINED TODAY BY EXCELSIOR, DESCRIBED AS "VERY IMPORTANT" THE FACT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL "DETAILED HIS PLANS TO BEGIN TO USE SELECTED HERBICIDES SPRAYED FROM THE AIR TO DESTROY THE FIELDS WHERE POPPIES ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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CULTIVATED".

"WE CAN NOW REASONABLY EXPECT", SAYS THE KISSINGER LETTER, "MORE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF INCREASED AID FROM THE UNITED STATES THE AMPLIFIED UTILIZATION OF HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES OF MEXICO AND THE ADOPTION OF MORE ADVANCED METHODS OF ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION. DOGIN, THE EX-INTERIM DIRECTOR OF DEA STATED THAT TO SUPPORT THE MEXICAN PROGRAM THE UNITED STATES IS IN-

CREASING THE NUMBER OF AGENTS IN MEXICO FROM 22 TO 30.
"WE ARE ALSO ASSIGNING 12 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL AGENTS DURING
THE CRITICAL PHASES OF THE CAMPAIGN".
IN ADDITION TO THESE EFFORTS TO DESTROY THE POPPY FIELDS
AND TO INTERCEPT HEROIN FROM MEXICO TO THE UNITED
STATES, " THE TECHNIQUE OF JOINT LEGAL ACTION BEGUN IN
1975 IS BEING AMPLIFIED TO IMMOBILIZE THE PRINCIPAL
SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF HEROIN IN MEXICO" SAYS THE DEA
REPORT.

"THIS PROGRAM FOLLOWS THE CONCEPT DEVELOPED WITH THE
FRENCH AUTHORITIES OVER SEVERAL YEARS BY WHICH HEROIN
SUPPLIERS IN FRANCE WERE PROSECUTED ON THE BASIS OF
EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY GATHERED AGAINST THEM
IN THE UNITED STATES.

"IF A SUSPECT DETAINED IN THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION
WITH HEROIN OBTAINED IN MEXICO WANTS TO COOPERATE THEN
WE WILL INVITE A FEDERAL ATTORNEY AND A CON-
SULAR OFFICER IN ORDER TO TAKE AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION
FROM THE INDIVIDUAL.

DURING 1975 THERE WERE BEGUN IN MEXICO 14 IMPORTANT
CASES AGAINST HEROIN SUPPLIERS"WHO BEFORE THE USE OF THIS
TECHNIQUE ENJOYED VIRTUAL IMMUNITY."

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